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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US IS EG XF

SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S VISIT

REF: DAMASCUS 7859

1. FOR THE MOMENT WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO BRIEFING
STATE 301494 FOR SYRIANS ON BEGIN VISIT. WE HAVE GIVEN
A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BEGIN'S PROPOSALS TO SADAT AND TO
A FEW OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE AREA AND MAJOR US EUROPEAN
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